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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A rudder position indicator apparatus comprising:
 - a cam coupled to a steering linkage bar of a watercraft; and
 - a switch coupled to a fixed portion of the watercraft, wherein the cam activates the switch when a rudder of the watercraft is in a centered position.
2. (Original) The rudder position indicator apparatus of claim 1, wherein the cam is coupled to the steering linkage bar via a clamp hose.
3. (Original) The rudder position indicator apparatus of claim 1, wherein the switch is coupled to a fixed portion of the watercraft via one or more brackets.
4. (Original) The rudder position indicator apparatus of claim 1, wherein the switch is a micro switch.
5. (Original) The rudder position indicator apparatus of claim 1, wherein the switch is electrically connected to an indicator light located on a dash of the watercraft.

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6. (Original) The rudder position indicator apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of brackets to secure the switch to the fixed portion of the watercraft, wherein the brackets are adjustable to adjust a sensitivity of the switch.

7. (Original) The rudder position indicator apparatus of claim 1, wherein the cam includes sloped sidewalls and a substantially flat top portion.

8. (Original) A rudder position indicator apparatus comprising:
a cam secured to a steering linkage bar of a watercraft; and
means for contacting the cam when a rudder of the watercraft is centered;

and

means for indicating when the rudder of the watercraft is centered.

9. (Original) The rudder position indicator apparatus of claim 8, wherein the means for indicating includes a light located on a dash of the watercraft.

10. (New) The rudder position indicator apparatus of claim 1, wherein the cam includes two sidewalls joined by a top portion, wherein at least one of the sidewalls is substantially sloped.

11. (New) The rudder position indicator apparatus of claim 1, wherein the cam has a substantially D-shaped cross-section.